

COURT GOSSIP ON SUBJECTS OF
INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

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A diverting anecdote concerning the Kaiser and his eldest son, the crown prince, is making the rounds of Berlin.

The incident occurred when the crown prince was a small boy, a German prince, who was an authority upon certain phases of international law, then occupying the attention of Germany, was sent for by the Kaiser.

When he was in the palace and ascending the stairs leading to the audience room, he was suddenly confronted by the little crown prince riding madly down on the balustrade and shouting at him.

The visitor was kept waiting fifteen minutes in the anteroom, while the crown prince, who was a small boy, was waiting for his father.

It has been reported from time to time that the Kaiser has had various quarrels with the crown prince, mainly on account of the latter's somewhat unorthodox ways. And certainly Friedrich Wilhelm II. is or has been, something of a modern, judging by the stories told. Here is one incident:

One evening the crown prince started a series of bicycle races around the pier at the little resort on the Baltic, where he was staying and the next night several of his friends came upon the scene with wheelbarrows. A well known ducal was taking a ride, a young guardmaster steering the barrow, when suddenly he tumbled over into the sea and was rescued in the midst of homeric laughter, which redoubled when he declared that he and the duchess had arranged the whole thing beforehand.

There has been a great deal of gossip about Prince Henry of Prussia's recent visit to England, and several journals have been attaching great importance to the trip. The fact is that Prince Henry went there on private business, which occupied most of his time during his stay in London, and he saw a good deal of Prince and Princess Louise of Hohenberg.

He went to Sandringham one day to dine with the king and queen, and while there he paid a visit to Queen Alexandra at the Hall.

Prince Henry is devoted to his profession and has never put himself forward in political affairs, which is a very wise policy in the younger brother of a powerful sovereign.

We read often that Prince Henry of Prussia does not care for shooting, and we have heard all about his alleged answer to Queen Victoria's question as to what he had when out deer-stalking.

"I did not succeed in killing a stag, but I had a number," is said to have been the reply. It is said that Prince Henry should be made to appear ridiculous in this fashion. The incident to which reference is made is supposed to have occurred when he was born. A German prince, long since deceased, was said to have informed Queen Victoria that he had not killed a stag, but he had wounded two.

This story has been told over and over again, the scene being laid in a dozen different forests. I do not believe that any German prince ever would have made so foolish a remark. The Hohenzollern princes are brought up to understand all the niceties of the chase and they have a thorough acquaintance with all the rules of deer shooting.

The late Baron Marschall von Bieberstein, because of his career at Constantinople, was taken to have been Germany's foremost authority on the near Eastern question. And yet those familiar with Germany's foreign policy know that von Kinderlein-Waechter, the Kaiser's secretary of foreign affairs, who recently died suddenly, in reality was a far more intimate and comprehensive familiarity with the Balkan situation. For a number of years he served his master as minister to small and apparently insignificant Roumania. Compared to the prominent mission to Constantinople, the Bucharest representation did appear inconspicuous, and no doubt this was the cause of the widespread rumor that the Emperor had sent his college chum and intimate friend out there, so to say, into exile, because he had fallen from grace.

Nothing could have been farther removed from the truth. Von Kinderlein-Waechter was the one man needed in that locality, for the King of Roumania is a Hohenzollern and kin to the Kaiser, the only one in whose case a personal place confidence in the game of chess between the Balkans and Turkey and the Balkan nations among themselves.

Without attracting attention in the chancelleries of Europe, von Kinderlein-Waechter thus was enabled to familiarize himself as to the true conditions, and no more was made in Roumania than did not have its conception in Bucharest. If it pertained to the near Eastern question.

Probably there was no other diplomat who possessed his master's ear and confidence to the same degree as that enjoyed by the late minister, and no sooner had the present imbroglio begun in 1910, with the annexation by Austria-Hungary of Bosnia and Herzegovina, than the "obscure" minister was recalled from Bucharest and placed in full charge of the German foreign office. We all know how successful he has been in averting a war which then threatened because of Austria's unwarranted proceeding. He was no less successful in settling the Morocco issue with France in a manner so satisfactory that the relations between these two fire-eating neighbors never were more cordial than at this very moment.

The loss to Germany is great, but it is not irreparable, for we all have had occasion to learn recently in the case of emergency that in the last analysis Emperor William knows how to be his own foreign minister, and quite a successful one at that.

During the sittings of the Turco-Balkan peace conference at St. James Palace, luncheon being served daily to the delegates in the great banqueting room where George IV. and William IV. gave their large dinner parties while it is provided in the state drawing-room.

The delegates are seated in the picture gallery, which was used by the coronation committee whose members extended over many months. The Queen Anne room is not apart for the secretaries of the delegates, the tapestry chamber is reserved for consultations, and the private room for private interviews. The decorations of these rooms are very handsome and (except the armory room) they are all hung with portraits. It is not generally known that Queen Victoria held her drawing rooms at St. James Palace for many years, and the great reception which the Prince and Princess of Wales held shortly after their marriage in 1840 took place in these apartments.

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PICK NORMAN TABOR
TO SET MILE MARKSprint at the Finish Features the
Work of the Runner from
Brown University.

It is the opinion of many athletic critics that Norman Tabor, of Brown University, will not only be the next intercollegiate one-mile champion, but the recordholder, as well. The present mark of 4:15.25 is held by John Paul Jones, of Cornell.

Just whether Tabor will succeed in winning the championship depends upon his success in the intercollegiate championships. There is no denying the fact that he seems to possess the speed and stamina which are essential to achieving the goal, but his one weak point is that he is indifferent so far as running is concerned. That is, when he goes into a race it is not with the intention of going after a record.

Charles O'Connor, the noted coach of the Brown University athletes, has had considerable trouble in impressing upon Tabor the necessity of his doing his level best when competing in a race, and that he should always make it his business to keep near the front, with the rest of the star athletes, particularly when he has such a well-known runner as John Paul Jones as his opponent.

In the last intercollegiate, Tabor followed the advice of his coach, and, as a result, he and Jones crossed the tape on even terms, running a dead heat in the excellent time of 4:20.15.

Previous to that occasion Tabor had the habit of holding back until he entered the last quarter of the race, depending then on a sprint to enable him to cross the tape a winner.

His ability to sprint after running three-quarters of a mile is remarkable, for he lets loose with the speed of a quarter-mile runner.

There is no denying the fact that Tabor's sprint is the greatest of any athlete in the world at the present time. So great is his speed in the last lap that it is very seldom that he is not among the leaders at the finish.

In one run, in particular, Tabor was running in twenty-sixth place at the three-quarter mile mark. He started his famous sprint at the point and managed to finish in second place.

As a rule, mile runners are unable to go at full speed in the last quarter. They set a fast pace as they start on their last leg, but it is not very often that they sprint until the 25-yard mark is reached. On the other hand, Tabor sets the pace as soon as the third-quarter is reached, and goes at full speed until he crosses the finish mark.

Tabor has an unusually easy stride, resembling very much that of Bonham, and for that reason it is surprising that he covers the first three-quarters in poor time, that is, as compared to his last quarter.

Tabor, as a rule, covers six furlongs in no better time than 2:24, and runs the final 60 yards in 15 seconds. He has negotiated the three-quarters in practice in 2:15, and the mile in 4:15, with comparative ease.

This gives the impression that it should be possible for him to cover the three-quarters in even less than 2:15, and still possess enough endurance to permit him to make use of his famous sprint through the final quarter, and break the mark for one mile even with such a noted runner as John Paul Jones competing against him.

MCGRAW OPPOSED TO
WOMEN IN BASEBALL

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12.—"Any woman who attempts to dictate the policy of a baseball club is flirting with serious trouble," John J. McGraw, of the New York Giants, yesterday, in discussing the Breunhan case and its outcome. "Professional baseball is so complicated that it is difficult for any one, much less a woman, to get the ins and outs of it and know the correct way to manage a club. It is bad enough for a man to be mixed up in this kind of work, for he is always in trouble, but it is no work for a woman."

"But when it comes to dictating the policy of a club, passing on trades, sales, and the drafting of players—well, no woman is qualified for the work. Women have their sphere, but they have not reached the stage as yet where they are competent to manage a club."

"Look over the history of the big leagues and study it, and you will find that certain clubs are always in the first division and others have a more or less second division berth. Why is that? Simply because the national game is one of the hardest propositions in the world. Smart men have spent the best of their lives trying to manage teams and many have acknowledged that they are failures in this pursuit."

"Some people have charged me with ingratitude toward men who have worked hard for me, but they forget one important fact: It is what you are able to do to-day and not what you have done in the past which counts in baseball, as in every other business."

Car Repairer Killed.
Chicago, Jan. 12.—N. Copeland, a repairer, was killed and three men hurt to-day when an Illinois Central train ran over a gang of workmen. Copeland's body was found by a policeman some time after the injured had been removed by their friends.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

By New York Telegraph.

JUAREZ.
First race—Ida Lavina, Irish Ann, Stella Ward.
Second race—Jack Ellis, Zink, and Ben Unice.
Third race—Charles Goetz, Cosgrove, Accum.
Fourth race—Puck, Melton Street, Gold of Ophir.
Fifth race—Mimroso, Gold Finn, Spivey.
Sixth race—Flying, Orbed Lad, Star.

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DOWN THE ALLEYS.

NORTHWESTERN DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
T. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

INTRODUCED (K. OF C.) LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

DEPARTMENTAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

TERMINAL Y. M. C. LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

PATENT EXAMINER'S LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

ARCADIA DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

AD K. OF C. INTERCOLLEGE LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

COLONIAL LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

DEPARTMENTAL LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

COMMERCIAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

WESTERN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

CITY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

NATIONAL CAPITAL DUCKPIN LEAGUE.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

MATCH GAME.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

BIG GAME TO-NIGHT.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

Aloysius and National Guard Quint to Play.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

What promises to be one of the best basketball games of the season will be played this evening at Gonzaga gymnasium, North Capitol and I Streets Northwest, when the National Guardsmen and Aloysius Club get together.			
J. T. Kees.		Young Men's Club.	
Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

C. Edwards, manager of the militia unit, has taken personal charge of his team, and, judging from the game they put up against the Y. M. C. A. regulars, he is getting good results.			
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Keller	100	100	100
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The Aloysius team took advantage of the break in the schedule during the holidays to do some training, and the boys are confident of repeating the game to the guardsmen. The game will be called promptly at 8:30 o'clock.			
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Keller	100	100	100
Wells	100	100	100
Archer	100	100	100
Elliot	100	100	100
Totals	400	400	400

MATCH GAME			
Wash. R.	Col.	Southlands.	
Skinner.....	13	29	41
Casey.....	49	51	100
Myrland.....	50	52	102
Parr.....	29	41	70
Logan.....	21	41	62
		Herry.....	86
		Mullen.....	90
		V. Eiston.....	100
		J. Eiston.....	110
		P. Eiston.....	115